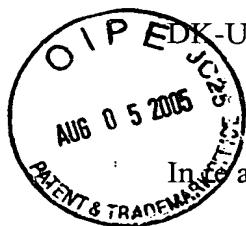


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Sir:

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A Japanese Office Action was issued on May 24, 2005 in the corresponding Japanese application. The Japanese Patent Office cited three new references, which are listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form. A translation of the Japanese Office Action was attached to better understand this rejection.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 59-213956 discloses a compressor with a discharge valve 56 as seen in Figures 5 and 6. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand the pertinence of this reference.

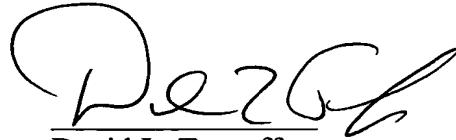
Japanese Laid-Open Utility- Model Patent Publication No. 01-139091 discloses a compressor valve with a discharge valve 12 as seen in Figures 2 and 3. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand the pertinence of this reference.

Japanese Laid-Open Utility- Model Patent Publication No. 61-166183 discloses a compressor with a discharge valve 12 as seen in Figure 5. (See translation of JP Office Action). An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand the pertinence of this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

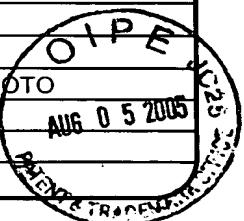


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